

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

- Please replace the last paragraph on page 9 with the following rewritten paragraph:

More specifically, as is seen from the **drawing drawings**, the leading inclined surface 13c of each first projected portion 13a defines an acute angle θ_1 (viz., an angle smaller than 90 degrees) relative to a tangential line L1 of the outer surface CR at a center point of the first projected portion 13a. As shown, preferably, an inclined surface of each first projected portion 13a, that is positioned at a trailing side of the portion 13a with respect to the normal rotation direction, defines an obtuse angle (viz., an angle greater than 90 degrees) θ_3 relative to the outer surface CR of differential case 5. However, in the present invention, the angle of the trailing inclined surface is not limited to such obtuse angle.

- Please replace the second full paragraph on page 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

More specifically, as is seen from the **drawing drawings**, the inclined peripheral edge surface 18a of each first circular opening 17a defines an obtuse angle $[\theta_1] \theta_3$ (viz., an angle greater than 90 degrees) relative to a tangential line L2 of the outer surface CR at a center point of the first circular opening 17a.

- Please replace the third full paragraph on page 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the illustrated embodiment, the inclined surface 18a with the obtuse angle $[\theta_1] \theta_3$ is evenly made throughout the entire periphery of the first circular opening 17a. However, if desired, such inclined surface 18a may be provided at only a portion that is near the first projected portion 13a. That is, the inclined surface that is far from the first projected portion 13a may have an angle smaller than 90 degrees.